

## HERE IS PROOF OF CROKER PLOT

Chief Ryan, of Norfolk, Makes Affidavit that Battalion Chief Gooderson Told Him "Croker Will Have to Go."

SAID, "I MAY BE BOSS YET."

Copy of Document Sent to Mayor and Commissioner Sturgis, Who Now Hesitates About the Dismissal of New York Fire Chief.

John J. Delany, counsel for Fire Chief Edward F. Croker, to-day furnished Mayor Low and Commissioner Sturgis with copies of an affidavit made by Fire Chief Martin J. Ryan, of Norfolk, Va., which he considers conclusive proof that the plot to oust his client was hatched early in the year, long before the first guns were fired at the head of the Fire Department in August. Chief Ryan's affidavit reads:

"On or about Feb. 10, 1902, Battalion Chief F. W. Gooderson said to me while I was in his office on Twentieth street: 'It is about settled. Croker will have to go, and I may be boss yet.'"

Mr. Delany said to an Evening World reporter to-day: "Battalion Chief Gooderson was a principal witness against Chief Croker. Next in line to Purroy, he doubtless was tickled with the promotion straw. It happened that he overhauled a visiting fire chief, and if this affidavit is not indisputable evidence that there was a conspiracy on I have no idea what can be considered as better proof."

Battalion Chief Gooderson was not at his office in Twentieth street. It was stated that he had been called to Fire Headquarters.

### Sturgis Seems Afraid.

Heeding or fearing the public sentiment which has been aroused in the conspiracy to throw Chief Croker out of the Fire Department so that political pledges could be kept Commissioner Sturgis is hesitating before he acts.

Known widely as a resolute and stubborn man he now faces a climax in which he must fall if he dethrones Croker. The details of the conspiracy, as made public The Evening World, have received the careful investigation of the Mayor, and it is given out from a source of undeniable reliability that Sturgis has been notified that the Corporation Counsel, who conducted the prosecution of Croker under the guidance of Sturgis, has said that the evidence was not sufficient to stand on appeal and that if the Fire Commissioner dismissed the Chief he, too, must be dismissed.

Consequently, Mr. Sturgis is, for the first time in his life, hesitating. He is said to have declined on the removal of Croker, many months ago, months before the trial, but now that the Mayor, through the Corporation Counsel, has been compelled to review and consider the case, the Commissioner knows the alternative, if he keeps the promise and retains Croker, and himself as well, he will be repudiated by his political backers who gave him the position as Commissioner.

**Mayor May Use Resignation.**

In well informed circles it is said that because Sturgis took charge as Commissioner he placed in the hands of the Mayor his undated resignation. It is understood that the Mayor has dug up this resignation, dated it and has it ready to fill in the date line.

The decision is expected any day. It may come to-day, or it may wait until the end of the week. If it dismisses Chief Croker, the Chief will have his appeal filed the same day. Anticipating the unfavorable decision he has prepared the papers and they are ready to file.

## LOW PLANS NEW WATER SUPPLY.

Names Prof. Burr, Adolph Herring and John H. Freeman a Commission of Engineers to Make an Investigation.

WANTS TO STOP ALL WASTE.

Mayor Low to-day announced the appointment of Prof. William H. Burr, of Columbia University; Rudolph Herring, of No. 170 Broadway, and John H. Freeman, of Providence, R. I., a commission to report upon the available sources for the enlargement of the water supply of the city of New York throughout the different boroughs and for the prevention of waste.

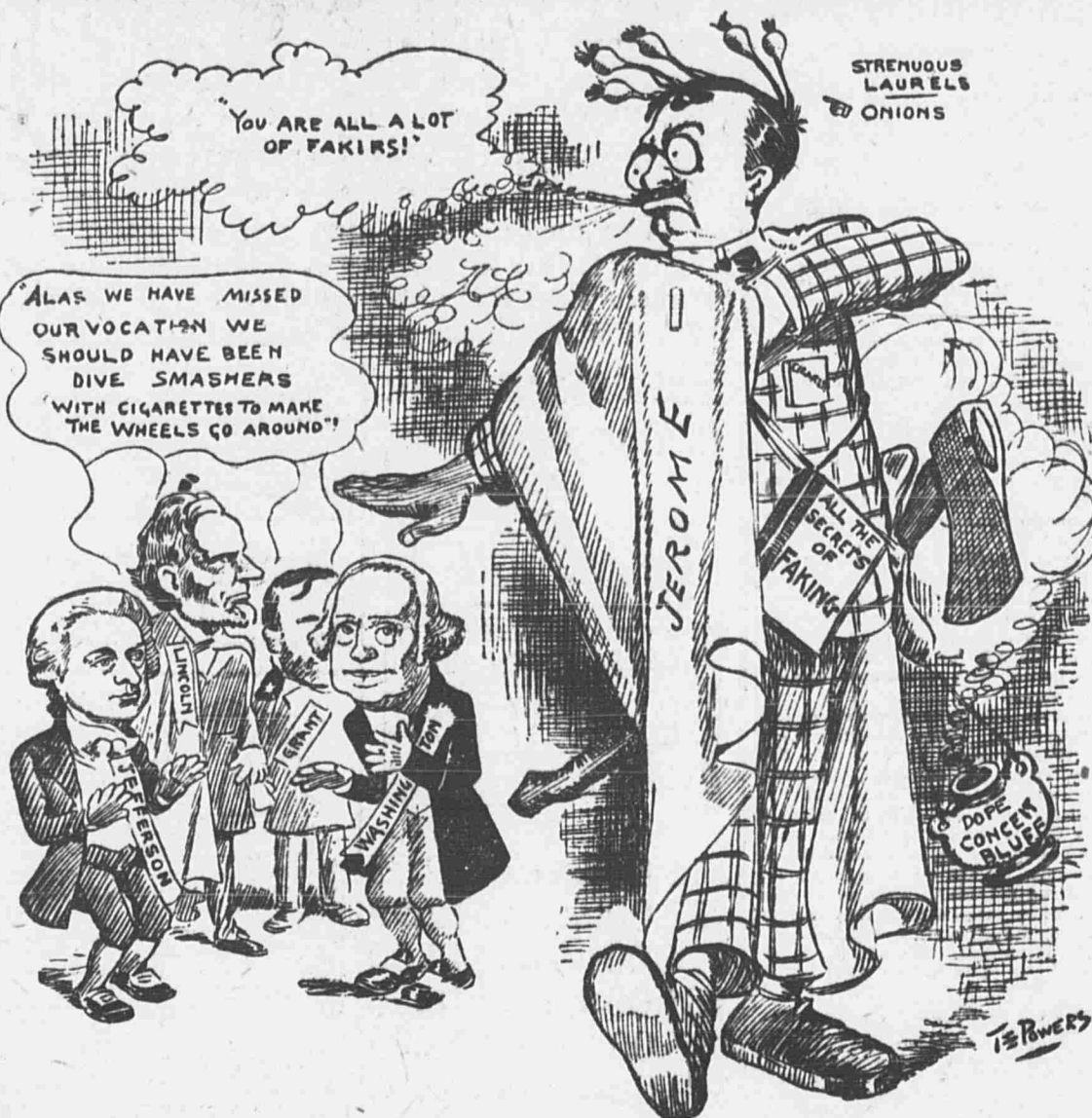
"It is intended," said the Mayor, "to ask these engineers to give all the necessary information with reference to every available watershed in sufficient detail to enable the city to know as to each one how much water can be had, how long it will take to get it and how much it will cost per 100,000 gallons. With this information in hand it ought to be possible for the city authorities to decide what is the best thing to do."

"The Commission will be instructed to give careful attention to the stoppage of waste."

"Prof. Burr is a constructing engineer of wide experience and great ability. He has recently served upon the Isthmian Canal Commission. Mr. Herring is a hydraulic engineer of very high standing who has already given much time to a study of the subject and is besides especially equipped for the service in being an authority on filtration, a subject that may prove to be important in connection with the work of the Commission. Mr. Freeman is also exceedingly well informed on the subject at large, having made the investigation that was inaugurated by Mr. Coler when he was Comptroller of the city."

Mr. Freeman is the Rhode Island engineer whom former Water Commissioner Dougherty desired to appoint chief engineer in his department, but owing to the opposition of the Board of Aldermen to his appointment, or to appropriating money to pay the salary, his appointment was abandoned.

## JEROME HE SINGS, 'I'M THE ONLY MAN CAN RUN THE WORLD ON A PROPER PLAN'



### WILLIAM T. JEROME'S LAMENT.

I.  
Since the days of old Methuselah,  
Says William T. Jerome.

There never was a time,  
When to think was not a crime.  
Moses was a four flush, Caesar was a chump,  
Aristotle was a gilly, Isaac Newton was a chump.  
None of 'em could ever be  
Half as wise a guy as me,  
Says William T. Jerome.

II.  
I've read the books of history,  
Says William T. Jerome.  
And every bleeding page,  
Why, it puts me in a rage;

All they did was done wrong—everything was raw.  
Such a lot of journeymen, I don't think this world ever  
saw,  
None of 'em could put things through  
Like I'd want to have 'em do,  
Says William T. Jerome.

III.  
The name of Thomas Jefferson,  
Says William T. Jerome.  
Inflicts me with a pain—  
Surely goes against the grain.  
Thomas was a high shine, Lincoln was a sod,  
Washington he would have been a hit at carrying a hod.  
Not a hum old patriot  
Had what Woodrow Wilson's got.  
Says William T. Jerome.

## WHITNEY MINES COST MILLIONS.

Harry Payne, His Eldest Son,  
Negotiated Purchase, Although He Missed the Horse Show to Do It.

JUST BACK FROM JOURNEY.

Harry Payne Whitney, eldest son of William C. Whitney, has returned to the city after a business trip which resulted in the purchase of \$10,000,000 worth of silver, lead and copper properties in Mexico, Colorado and other points in the South, West and Southwest.

Daniel Guggenheim accompanied him as representing the Guggenheim Exploration Company, and both, with several others, made investments for the American Smelting and Refining Company, a

concern with enormous capitalization and resources.

**\$10,000,000 in Mines.**  
They went to Mexico to perfect the consolidation of what is known as the Smelter Trust and to acquire new properties for the Exploration Company.

Mr. Guggenheim and the other men of the party commended the work done by young Mr. Whitney, who, they said, entered thoroughly into the hard work of the trip, taking a keen interest in everything connected with mines and mining, seemingly oblivious of the Horse Show and its doings, and working as hard as possible day and night. In speaking of the trip Mr. Guggenheim said to-day:

**One Group Cost \$5,000,000.**  
"Mr. Whitney evinced the greatest interest in the work and seemed to enjoy the most intricate details. He showed himself to be a young man who will take his place in the financial world. For the Guggenheim Exploration Company we bought the Baerdinla mines, at Durango, Mexico, for \$5,000,000 and arranged to spend \$1,000,000 in improvements, so that we may produce 2,000 tons per day.  
"We also purchased the Vete Grande mines at Parral, Mexico, which produce quantities of silver.  
"We also purchased the Titusville mines at Durango, Col., and other properties in that district for \$2,000,000. We looked after our interests in the Missouri lead fields and mines in other parts of the West."

### Drowned Girl a Student.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
SARATOGA, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Miss Elizabeth L. Moon, who was drowned near Providence, R. I., Saturday, was the only daughter of Stephen Moon, of this place. Four weeks ago she became a student of the new Pentecostal Institute, near North Scituate. Her body has been recovered.

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For this week we will offer our regular \$3.50 shoes for Women at \$2.25.

Women's Enamel Leather, lace Shoes, welt soles; Vici Kid, lace, welt soles, military heels; Patent Leather, button, welt soles, kid top; Patent Leather, lace, welt soles, dull top; Vici Kid, lace, welt soles, mat top; Patent Leather, button, French heels, kid top. In All Sizes and Widths.

For this week we will offer our regular \$2.50 Shoes for Women at \$1.75.

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## MR. WATTERSON IS THROUGH.

His Criticism of the Smart Set Was All in the Day's Work, and He Intends No Crusade, He Declares.

NO COMMENT ON HORSE SHOW

But He Has Something to Say of Mr. Jerome's Slur on Jefferson, and Calls the District Attorney "a Shallow Young Man."

Though Mr. Henry Watterson has passed Horse Show week in New York, the distinguished Kentucky journalist has not found a fresh impetus for an attack upon the "Smart Set." In his apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria last evening Mr. Watterson stated to an Evening World reporter that in no way did he regard the "society end" of the Horse Show as offering any ground for strong criticism.

"Oh, dear, no," said he. "I have nothing to say more than I have said already about the Smart Set. What happened two months ago came in the regular line of my newspaper work, and having played the string out the game was over. To me it is already ancient history. Assuredly I set out on no crusade."

"The Horse Show? Why, I rarely go to it, finding much better entertainment elsewhere. As for the horses, I see plenty of them at home. As for the rest—the palm garden of the Waldorf-Astoria suffices me. The occasion is both inspiring and admirable. Society in all ages—in Roman amphitheatres, in Parisian opera-houses, at bull-fights in Spain or on race courses in England—puts forward means for exploiting itself and its regalia, and I know nothing cleaner or more wholesome than the Horse Show."

Mr. Watterson says his visit to New York, which terminates to-day, was solely for the purpose of seeing his daughter, Miss Ethel Watterson, enjoy herself.

**Jerome "a Shallow Young Man."**  
But there are local matters which have aroused Mr. Watterson's interest. The recent speech of District Attorney Jerome, in which Thomas Jefferson was scored, called forth an enthusiastic protest from the Kentucky journalist.

"In speaking of Thomas Jefferson as a 'fakir,'" said Mr. Watterson, "Mr. Jerome discredits no one but himself. His whole case was spurious. Mr. Jefferson's doctrine of freedom was not that every man was born equal, but with equal rights before the law. Mr. Jerome's imputation of a faith so simple and axiomatic in the gospel of republicanism shows him to be a very shallow young man and not a thinker at all."

At the present moment there is nothing which so concerns Mr. Watterson as the serious illness of his old friend, Col. Occhitree, and it was with the deepest emotion that he spoke of the distinguished raconteur, who is lying seriously ill at Hot Springs. Said he: "I never knew a more trustworthy man, or a kinder."

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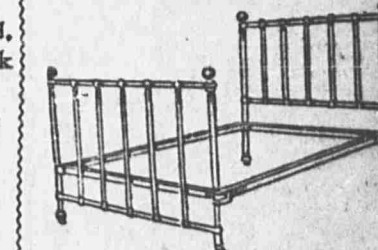
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